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C O N F I D E N T I A L PHNOM PENH 652

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SUBJECT: ELEVENTH DAY OF KC DRY SEASON OFFENSIVE

REF: PHNOM PENH 584

1. SUMMARY. THE SITUATION AROUND PHNOM PENH CONTINUES TO BE CALM. THE KC FIRED ROCKETS INTO THE CITY AND TOWARD POCHENTONG AIRBASE. FRIENDLY POSITIONS ALONG THE LOWER MEKONG ARE UNDER CONSIDERABLE ENEMY PRESSURE, BUT FANK IS MOVING REINFORCEMENTS INTO THE AREA. END SUMMARY.

2. FANK TROOPS NORTHWEST OF PHNOM PENH ARE REPORTING HEAVY ENEMY CASUALTIES FROM AN ONGOING OPERATION THERE. THERE WAS LITTLE ELSE OF SIGNIFICANCE AS ENEMY PRESSURE AROUND PHNOM PENH CONTINUED AT THE LOW LEVEL OF THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS.

3. THREE 107MM ROCKETS LANDED IN PHNOM PENH ON THE EVENING OF JAN 10 AND TWO MORE WERE REPORTED THE FOLLOWING MORNING. SEVERAL OF THESE FELL NEAR THE FANK GENERAL STAFF HEADQUARTERS. TWO OTHER 107MM ROCKETS LANDED NEAR THE NAVAL BASE ON THE PENINSULA OPPOSITE PHNOM PENH. DURING THE EVENING OF 10 JAN, SEVEN 107MM ROCKETS LANDED NORTH OF POCHENTONG AIRBASE CAUSING NO CONFIDENTIAL

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DAMAGE.

4. THE KC CONTINUE TO EXERT CONSIDERABLE PRESSURE, ATTACKS BY FIRE AND GROUND PROBES , AGAINST THE IMPORTANT TOWN OF NEAK LUONG ON THE LOWER MEKONG AND OTHER FRIENDLY POSITIONS IN THE VICINITY. THE SITUATION THERE IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY SERIOUS AND FANK IS MOVING REINFORCEMENTS INTO THE AREA.

5. A LATE AFTERNOON REPORT WITH NO DETAILS INDICATES AN ATTACK ON TERRITORIAL FORCES IN THE AREA OF KOMPONG LUONG, ON THE TONLE SAP RIVER EAST OF OUDONG, WHICH CAUSED THOSE FORCES TO FALL OR BE PUSHED BACK TO A POINT NEARLY THREE KILOMETERS WEST OF KOMPONG LUONG. THIS AREA, THE SCENE OF HEAVY FIGHTING IN LATE SPRING OF 1974, LIES SOME 20 MILES NORTH OF PHNOM PENH.

6. AT 1835 JAN 11, TWO 107MM ROCKETS LANDED INPHNOM PENH, REPORTEDLY KILLING FOUR AND WOUNDING EIGHT.

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